(c) the list of demands and action taken to fulfil each one of these demands;

(d) whether Purbanchaliya Rail Karmi Parishad fulfil all criteria for recognition;

(e) if so, when it is likely to be recognised; and

(f) if not, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A notice was received by NF Railway in July, 2000 regarding fast unto death hunger strike from 9th August, 2000. However, this notice for fast unto death has not materialised.

(b) and (c) The Parishad had been submitting memoranda of demands containing various issues during the last couple of years, on which action had been taken as per rules. The memorandum now received contains 36 demands which are under examination.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) As per the extant police, the affiliates of the two national level Federations *viz*, All India Railwaymen Federation and National Federation of Indian Railwaymen, who have presence/members on all the nine zonal Railways, have been granted recognition on Indian Railways. Sectional/ regional unions are not eligible for granting of recognition.

**New trains between Delhi and Bihar**

3545. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce some new trains between Delhi and Bihar in view of the increasing number of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, these trains are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Reservation counter in Nagercoil**

3546. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservation counter at Nagercoil is not working properly; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that after 2.00 P.M. only one counter remains working and as a result it is very difficult for, the public to book tickets there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) At present, two computerised reservation counters in the morning shift *i.e.* from 8.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs. and one counter in the evening shift i.e. from 14.00 hrs. to 20.00 hrs. are functioning in Nagercoil Junction. These counters are functioning satisfactorily and are adequate to deal with the present level of reservation related transactions.

**Rake points**

†3547. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of rake points in the country, including Madhya Pradesh; whether this number in Madhya Pradesh is sufficient in view of the large size of the State; and

(b) if not, the number of new rake points proposed to be set up before forthcoming Kharif season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The present number of Full Rake handling points in the country are 936, of which 75 are in Madhya Pradesh which are considered to be sufficient. At times of need, half rake handling points and two point combinations are also allowed.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.